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MRS. PEREZ RECOVERING

(August 11, 2005)--- Maria Perez, wife of Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez, is recovering after undergoing surgery for brain aneurysms. Dr. Robert Solomon at New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York City performed Wednesday's five-hour operation that was deemed a success. Mrs. Perez is said to be alert and talking, however, it will not be known exactly how well she has responded to the surgery until 48-hours after the procedure. That would bring us to late Friday afternoon. This surgery was part of Mrs. Perez's ongoing treatment and observation after her unexpected hospitalization in June.

Mayor Perez is at his wife's side during her recovery. He is scheduled to return to the office on Tuesday. Chief Operating Officer Lee Erdmann and Chief of Staff Matt Hennessy are keeping the Mayor up-to-date on all daily government matters.

The Perez family wants to thank everyone for their continued support during what Mayor Perez calls "a life changing experience." The family has received hundreds of cards, letters and emails. The Mayor is sharing them all with his wife of 27 years.